(c) the details regarding the present status of the fresh initiatives proposed to be taken to attract greater private investment power distribution; and

(d) the details of action plan finalised for 1997-98 and result achieved there under so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No, Sir. However, a news items appeared in Business Standard dated 26th September, 1997.

(b) and (c) The Government of India have appointed a single Member Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S.J. Coelho. Ex-Chairman. Gujarat Electricity Board to examine the feasibility of privatesation of distribution and to suggest guidelines/legal framework for making distribution of electricity financially viable and attractive. Privatisation of distribution is one of the components of the Reform and Restructuring programmes being considered in the State of Orissa, Haryana & Rajasthan.

(d) No action plan has been finalised so far in this regard. Government of India has been supporting the initiatives taken by the State Governments in privatisation of distribution.

Inclusion of power projects of Andhra pradesh under OECF loan Package

290. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have asked the Central Electricity Authority to include two projects under the DECF loan package for 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the role envisaged for CEA in power generation development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) For 1997-98 under OECF loan package, two projects of Andhra Pradesh, namely (i) Simhadri & Vizag Transmission System (Loan amount 10629 million Yen) and (ii) Srisailam Left Bank Power Station (Loan amount 14.499 million Yen) have been negotiated.

(c) The role envisaged for CEA for power generation development is (i) To advice the State Governments, State electricity Boards, Generating companies or any other agency engaged in generation or supply of electircity on such matters as will enable State Government. Board Generating company or Agency to operate and maintain the power system under their ownership or control in an improved manner and where necessary in coordination with any other agency owning or having the control of another power system and (ii) to develop a sound adequate and uniform national power policy, formulate short-term and perspective plans for power development and coordinate the activities of planning agencies in relation to the control and utilisation of national power resources.

Power Shortage in the Country

291. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Economic Times dated 1st November, 1997 captioned "No Respite from power shortages in short term";

(b) whether it is a fact that delays in installing new power generation capacity is largely responsible for this acute shortage;

(c) whether it is also a fact that delays have occurred even in commissioning of liquid fuel power plants;

(d) how do Government propose to bridge the gap between demand and supply of power;

(e) whether any energy conservation measures have been contemplated; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Growth of energy generation has picked up substantially since June. 1997. The position has been as follows:-

S. No.	Month	% Growth
1.	April, 1997/April, 1996	−8.00
2.	May, 1997/May, 1996	+2.8
3.	June, 1997/June, 1996	+8.4
4.	Aug., 1997/Aug., 1996	+7.2
5.	Sept., 1997/Sept., 1996	+8.4
6.	Oct., 1997/Oct., 1996	+5.0

Energy and peak shortages have reduced since May, 1997 as indicated below:-

	May, 1997	October, 1997
Energy Shrotage	12.2%	8.1%
Peak Shortage	18.5%	14.1%

In some regions, however, energy shortage continues to be high.

(c) Allocations have been made for around 12.000 MW of liquid fuel based power plants during the Ninth Plan. These projects are at various stages of consideration/implementation but the existing shortages in power availability cannot be attributed to delay in their commissioning as their commissioning schedule commences later on.

(d) To meet the projected shortages. Government is pursuing a variety of measures which *inter-alia* include capacity addition. Raising the PLF of existing stations renovation and modernisation of old, plants setting up of inter-state and inter-regional evacuation links demand side management and energy conservation.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. A variety of measures have been initiated for effecting energy conservation on generation supply and end use side which inter-alia includes rationalisation of energy prices and enacting a legislation on energy conservation.

उत्तर प्रदेश के विद्युत संयंत्रों का निजी क्षेत्र को सौंपा जाना

292. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने जवाहरपुर तापीय परियोजना एवं रोजा तापीय परियोजना तथा बमोली जिले की विष्णुप्रयाग जल विद्युत परियोजना को निजी क्षेत्र को देने का करार किया है;

(ख) क्या उक्त करार को अन्तिम रूप इस हेतु गठित केन्द्रीय प्राधिकरण द्वारा दिया जाना था;

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय प्राधिकरण ने इन प्रस्तावों पर अभी तक विचार नहीं किया है; यदि नहीं, तो ये योजनाएं कब तक स्वीकृत हो जाएंगी; और

(घ) इन तापीय परियोजनाओं को कौन सी तारीख तक पूर्ण करने का लक्ष्य है?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण (के०वि०प्रा०) ने मै० जयप्रकाश इंडस्ट्रीज लि० की विष्णुप्रयाग जल विद्युत परियोजना (न०वि०प्र०) (4×100-400 मे०वा०) को 30.8.97 को तथा मै० इंडो-गल्फ फर्टिलाइजर्स एंड कैमिकल्स कार्पोरेशन लि० 19.9.97 को तकनीकी-आर्थिक अनुमोदन प्रदान किया है। मै० पैसेफिक इलेक्ट्रिक पावर डेवलेपमेंट कार्पोरेशन, जो उत्तर प्रदेश में 800 मे०वा० जवाहरपुर ताप विद्युत